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SUBJECT: NATO CAUCUS NOVEMBER 30

REFS: A) BELGRADE 8408, B) BELGRADE 8298

1. SUMMARY: NOVEMBER 30 HEADS OF DELEGATION CAUCUS DISCUSSED
US HUMAN RIGHTS PROPOSAL (REF A) AND SKELETAL DRAFT OF FINAL
DOCUMENT. NATO ALLIES AFFIRMED THEY WILL CO-SPONSOR US
DRAFT HR PROPOSAL WHICH SHOULD BE INTRODUCED AT DECEMBER 2
OR 5 PLANARY. AFTER SOME SKIRMISHING RE TACTICS, FRENCH
REP AGREE TO TABLE SKELETAL DRAFT AT DECEMBER 2 PLENARY.
EMD SUMMARY.

2. ALL NATO ALLIES AGREED TO CO-SPONSOR US HUMAN RIGHTS
PROPOSAL, AS AMENDED BY LANGUAGE SUGGESTED BY FRG REP.
(FISCHER). LANGUAGE CHANGES ARE DESIGNED TO DEFLECT
POSSIBLE EASTERN CRITICISM OF PROPOSAL AS "UNBALANCING"
FINAL ACT. NATO CAUCUS DELEGATED BELGIAN/EC REP (GRAFFE)
TO APPROACH CERTAIN NEUTRAL/NON-ALIGNED STATES IN
EFFORT TO OBTAIN FURTHER CO-CPONSORS FOR PROPOSAL.
FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF HR PROPOSAL, AS AMENDED BY FRG
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REP: THE PARTICIPATING STATES:

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CSCE PROCESS,
AND THAT IT MUST BE A CONTINUING ONE AND THAT ALL OF
THE PRINCIPLES SET FORTH IN THE FINAL ACT ARE OF PRIMARY
SIGNIFICANCE;

RESOLVE TO OMPLEMTN UNILATERALLY THE PROVISIONS OF
PRINCIPLE 7 OF THE FINAL ACT RELATING TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND

FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS;

RESOLVE ALSO TO ENSURE THEIR IMPLEMENTATION BILATERALLY AND WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE CSCE AND OTHER MULTILATERAL FORA;

RESOLVE FURTHER TO DIRECT THESE EFFORTS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND WITH THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND TO FULFILL THEIR OBLIGATIONS AS SET FORTH IN THE INTERNATIONAL DECLARATIONS AND AGREEMENTS IN THIS FIELD, INCLUDING INTER ALIA THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, BY WHICH THEY MAY BE BOUND.
END TEST.

3. SKELETAL FINAL DOCUMENT: SLIGHTLY REVISED VERSION OF ORIGINAL SKELETAL DRAFT (SEE REF B) WAS PRESENTED TO CAUCUS BY BELGIAN REP. REVISED DRAFT CONTAINED TOUGHER LANGUAGE ON BASKET III ISSUES AND HUMAN RIGHTS BY NOTING THAT "SERIOUS" SHORTCOMINGS REMAINED TO BE OVERCOME. CHANGES HAD BEEN MADE AFTER BELGIAN REP CONSULTED WITH N/NA CAUCUS. FRENCH (RICHER), NORWEGIAN (MEVIK), AND TURKISH (BENLER) REPS OBJECTED, FOR TACTICAL REASONS, TO USE OF WORD "SERIOUS" AND ARGUED THAT SKELETON SHOULD CONSIST OF "BARE BONES" WITHOUT ADJECTIVAL EMBELLISHMENT AT THIS STAGE. FRENCH REP INDICATED THAT IF REVISED DRAFT STOOD HE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO TABLE AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED. MOST OTHER REPS,
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INCLUDING AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG, ARGUED THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL, FOR NEGOTIATING REASONS, TO TABLE STRONGER RATHER THAN WEAKER DRAFT FINAL DOCUMENT. AFTER GOOD AMOUNT OF THEOLOGICAL DEBATE, IN HOT AND SMOKY ROOM, CAUCUS FINALLY ACHIEVED CONSENSUS ON COMPROMISE LANGUAGE, SUGGESTED BY NORWEGIAN REP, TO EFFECT THAT "IMPORTANT" RATHER THAN SERIOUS SHORTCOMINGS WOULD BE NOTED IN SKELETAL DRAFT. OTHER MINOR DRAFTING CHANGES WERE ALSO MADE. AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING FRENCH REP INDICATED HE WOULD BE ABLE TO INTRODUCE SKELETAL FINAL DOCUMENT AT DECEMBER 2 PLENARY.

4. USDEL WILL CABLE TEXT OF SKELETAL FINAL DOCUMENT WHEN TABLED. GOLDBERG

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